

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 16, 2001 (BOS Mtg. 12/4/01)
TO: York County Board of Supervisors
FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator
SUBJECT: York County Historical Museum

Background

As the Board is aware, the York County Historical Committee has been planning a Museum for several years. The Committee has established an exhibit area in York Hall and has been working with County staff to develop an additional museum site. On October 2, 2001, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution R01-179, which:

- Endorsed an organizational structure, Articles of Incorporation, and Bylaws for a York County Historical Museum Corporation.
- Directed the County Attorney to assist the incorporators in submitting the Articles of Incorporation to the State Corporation Commission.
- Directed staff to negotiate a lease agreement between the County and the newly created corporation for the use of the Mapp House and certain of the grounds. The provisions of the lease were to reflect maintenance of the property by the County with all responsibility and liability for contents, exhibits, programming, staffing, etc., to belong to the corporation.
- Approved \$30,000 from Tourism Funds or the Contingency Fund to be used for necessary repairs and upgrades on the building.
- Instructed staff to provide a lease termination notice to the tenant to be effective March 1, 2002.
- Authorized staff to take any and all such additional actions as required to facilitate the establishment of a York County Historical Museum.

The Articles of Incorporation have been submitted to, and approved by, the State Corporation Commission, and the Mapp House tenant has received first notice of the County's intent to terminate the lease effective March 1. A lease for the museum space has been drafted and is included for review and approval by the Board. Section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia requires that the governing body hold a public hearing prior to the execution of a lease agreement for regular and recurring use of County-owned facilities by other parties. The public hearing has been advertised as required.

Recommendation

I recommend adoption of proposed Resolution R01-216 to approve the proposed lease agreement between the County and the Museum Board.

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Attachments:

- Proposed Lease Agreement
- Proposed Resolution R01-216